



# **Maryland Transit Administration Police Force**

## **Maryland Department of Transportation**

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Colonel John E. Gavrillis, Chief of Police*

### **Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Maryland Transit Administration Police Force is to professionally enforce the law, protect its transit community, employees and facilities with dignity and respect.*

### **Memorandum**

**TO:** Colonel John E. Gavrillis  
Chief of Police

**VIA:** Lt. Colonel Fred W. Damron, Jr.  
Deputy Chief of Police

**FROM:** Major Jerome E. Howard, Jr.  
Operations Bureau Commander

**SUBJECT:** Freddie Grey Protest Impact Report/Executive Summary

**DATE:** May 11, 2015

As a result of Freddie Gray's death on April 19, 2015, the city of Baltimore endured several protest/demonstrations throughout the metropolitan area beginning on April 22, 2015. The Maryland Transit Administration experienced multiple disruptions in service as well during the protest activity.

In response to the disruptions, The Maryland Transit Administration Police Force (MTAPF) was represented in the Baltimore City Police WATCH Center on a daily basis to gather intelligence and coordinate efforts on transit related issues. Also, the MTAPF reached out to allied agencies by way of the State Law Enforcement Coordinating Council (SLECC). The agencies contacted included the Baltimore City Police. The MTAPF requested assistance from these agencies to aid us in assuring the safe passage of transit ridership, vehicles and other pedestrians within the MTA traffic areas during the protest. All protest activities were communicated to the Operations Control Center (OCC) via Kim Bush (Director) to ensure the safe and effective movement of all affected modes of transportation within the MTA.

The MTAPF Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated by the Chief of Police on April 25, 2015. The Command Staff (Captain and above) reported for duty to provide direction during protest/demonstrations that turned violent. This activity resulted in several criminal related incidents which subsequently gridlocked the downtown area for most of the day. Officers were placed in two-man units and fare inspectors were assigned security post for safety. Metro station entrance gates (Penn-North, Upton, Lexington Market and Charles Center) were closed as protesters neared; also light Rail and bus services were diverted in the downtown area.

The Chief of Police maintained contact with the Interim Administrator throughout the event. (Log attached)

On April 27, 2015 the MTAPF requested the assistance of allied agencies (BPD and Baltimore City School Police) for assistance after receiving intelligence of a possible "Purge" by all Baltimore City High School students at the Mondawmin Mall.

After school, students turned violent and attacked officers in Mondawmin Mall community. The activity continued throughout the city resulting in several incidents of looting, arson, destruction of property and injuries to officers. The Governor declared a state of emergency and the Chief of Police ordered all commanders in to work. All personnel were placed on 12 hour shifts with no days off and all leave was canceled.

As a result of the civil unrest, Baltimore City was placed on a 5 day curfew. Baltimore City schools were closed for a day and protest marches continued for several days causing major diversions for the Maryland Transit Administration.

On May 1, 2015 the State's Attorney charged the 6 involved officers (BPD turned over the investigative file a day earlier)

On May 3, 2015 at 1700 hours the Chief of Police lifted the 12 hour shifts and the order to cancel leave/days off was rescinded.

On May 4, 2015 at 0930 hours the EOC and WATCH Center representation was deactivated.

## **Executive Summary**

### **Freddie Gray Timeline of Events**

- **Sunday April 12, 2015 @ 0839 – 0909 hours:** Freddie Gray was arrested by BPD in the 1700 block of Presbury St. for possessing a switch blade. After being transported by BPD transport wagon he found unresponsive and was transported to Shock Trauma.
- **Sunday April 19, 2015:** After lapsing in a comma with 3 fracture vertebrae, injuries to his voice box and his spine 80% severed at the neck, Freddie Gray succumb to his injuries and died.
- **Wednesday April 22, 2015:** Peaceful Protest activities begin at City Hall.
  - MTA Police represented at WATCH Center.
- **Thursday April 23 & Friday 24, 2015:** Protest activities continued at City Hall.
  - MTA Police represented at WATCH Center.

- **Saturday April 25, 2015:** Protest Activity/Marches throughout city to City Hall. Protest activity turned violent near the Camden Yards Complex and continued through the downtown area (looting and property damage).

- MTA Police represented at WATCH Center.
- All MTA commanders were ordered into work by the Chief of Police and EOC was activity.
- Criminal activity and unruly protesters observed at several locations
- Overcrowding around stations at the Camden Yards sports complex due protest blocking intersections
- Metro Station's entrance gates closed as protesters neared
- Uniform personnel and vehicles were removed from Camden Yards and BPD took up posts
- MTA Officers were two man mobile, train riding and station units
- MTA ATT units were in emergency mode as a 4 man unit with suits
- Protective Equipment purchased (Helmets and Shields)

- **Sunday April 26, 2015:** Protest activities continued at City Hall.

- MTA Police represented at WATCH Center. Social media announcement of purge at Mondawmin mall began to surface.
- MTA Police represented at WATCH Center.

- **Monday April 27, 2015:** MTA requested the assistance of allied agencies (BPD & School) at Mondawmin station due to possible unrest.

- School students turned violent and attacked officers in Mondawmin Mall community. Activity continued through the city resulting in looting, arson, property damages and injuries (Lt Hayden injured, two MTA patrol vehicles burned, MTA property damaged at Mondawmin, Penn North and Upton Stations).
- State employees in downtown area were allowed to take liberal leave and leave work early. The Governor declared a state of emergency.
- The. MTA Police were placed on 12 hour shift with no days off and all leave canceled by the Chief of Police. MTA Police represented at WATCH Center.

- **Tuesday April 28, 2015:** Additional notifications of purges/protest/marches were discovered on social media.

- Baltimore City schools, Malls and businesses were closed.
- Protest Activity/Marches throughout city to City Hall.
- Baltimore City was put on a 2200 hour curfew.
- Protest Activity throughout the city (Penn North, City Hall etc.).
- MTA Police represented at WATCH Center.
- Baltimore City Police requested bus diversions from Security Square Mall and to train service on Liberty and Reisterstown Roads.

- Baltimore County closed several malls in the area due to threats of purges in the area.
- **Wednesday April 29, 2015:** Additional notifications of purges/protest/marches were discovered on social media. Protest Activity/Marches throughout city to City Hall.
- Baltimore City 2200 hour curfew continues.
  - Protest Activity throughout the city (Penn North, City Hall etc.).
  - MTA Police represented at WATCH Center.
  - Baltimore City schools reopened no issues with student behavior.
  - Allied agencies deployed at Mondawmin and Penn North metro stations.
  - **Southern: 4/29/2015 @ 0014 Hours Armed Carjacking** 1600 N. Mount Street Mobility coach 3203 just dropped off a passenger when two black males approached the coach and pulled the driver's door open. One implied that he had a weapon. The two suspects then fled on the coach which was tracked via AVL to an apartment complex in Cherry Hill units responded and located the coach and two suspects. Both were taken into custody after a brief foot chase. CIU responded and the suspects were transported to CIU for debriefing. BPD Crime Lab was requested for processing of the vehicle. **CC # 15-MTA-00000980**
- **Thursday April 30 2015:** BPD turnover the investigative file to the State's Attorney's office. Additional notifications of purges were discovered on social media.
- Protest Activity/Marches throughout city to City Hall. Baltimore City 2200 hour curfew continues.
  - Protest Activity throughout the city (Penn North, City Hall etc.).
  - MTA Police represented at WATCH Center.
- **Friday May 1, 2015:** The State Attorney charge 6 officers involved.
- Protest Activity/Marches throughout city to City Hall. Baltimore City 2200 hour curfew continues.
  - Protest Activity throughout the city (Penn North, City Hall etc.).
  - MTA Police represented at WATCH Center.
- **Saturday May 2, 2015:** Protest Activity/Marches throughout city to City Hall.
- Baltimore City 2200 hour curfew continues. Protest Activity throughout the city (Penn North, City Hall etc.).
  - MTA Police represented at WATCH Center.
- **Sunday May 3, 2015:** Protest Activity/Marches throughout city to City Hall.
- Baltimore City 2200 hour curfew continues. Protest Activity throughout the city (Penn North, City Hall etc.).
  - MTA Police represented at WATCH Center.

- Chief of Police resented the 12 hour, no leave for the MTA Police as of 1700 hours. Officers remained in 2 man units

➤ **Monday May 4, 2015:** MTA Police EOC deactivated at 0900 hours.

- WATCH Center MTA representation ended at 0930 hours.
- Officers will remained in 2 man units until the end of the day.

## **Expenditures**

### **Equipment**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>COST</b>
Protective Helmets (167)	Emergency Purchase for Civil Unrest \$29,029.00
Protective Shields (30)	Emergency Purchase for Civil Unrest \$5,330.00
Helmet Liners (30)	Emergency Purchase for Civil Unrest \$473.00
O.C Pepper Spray (130)	Emergency Purchase for Civil Unrest \$1,207.00
Office Supplies for EOC	Emergency Purchase for Civil Unrest \$1,741.00
Ammo and Rifle Slings	Emergency Purchase for Civil Unrest \$1,530.00
Vehicle Window Replacements and Body Damage T-234A	\$1,212.70
Vehicle Window Replacements and Body Damage T-245A	\$3,641.78
Vehicle Body Damage Repair T-2082011	\$5,000.00
Transport Van Replacement (Destroyed by Arson)	\$20,000.00
Transport Van Emergency equipment (Destroyed by Arson)	\$23,099.00
Police Sedan Replacement (Destroyed by Arson)	\$24,000.00
Police Sedan Emergency equipment (Destroyed by Arson)	\$7,991.00
Vehicle Title Registration (2)	\$200.00
Police Vehicle Radios Motorola APX 7500 (2) (Destroyed by Arson)	\$14,000.00
Panasonic Toughbook w/ Console Installation (Destroyed by Arson)	\$5,952.00
Automatic Emergency Defibulator (2) (Stolen)	\$3,000.00
First Aid Kits (2) (Destroyed by Arson)	\$119.00
Celox Rapid Trauma Gauze (2) (Destroyed by Arson)	\$82.00
Crime Scene Tape (Stolen)	\$6.00
Case of Flex Cuffs (100 count) (Stolen)	\$178.00
EZ Passes (Destroyed by Arson)	\$64.00
Fire Extinguishers (Destroyed by Arson)	\$100.00

### **Personnel**

Union Wages (Straight Time)	\$156,854.70
Union Wages (Overtime)	\$213,624.30
Management Wages (Straight Time)	\$50,170.90
Management Wages (Overtime)	\$44,851.46
Management Wages (Comp Time)	\$21787.01

**GRAND TOTAL**

**\$635,243.85**

**Additional Information**

**BPD Arrests:**

Monday 4/27:	244 (210 adults, 34 juveniles)
Tuesday, 4/28:	55 Curfew Arrests (33 males, 7 females, 5 juveniles)
Wednesday, 4/29:	30 Curfew Arrests (24 males, 3 females, 3 juveniles)
Thursday, 4/30:	22 Curfew Arrests (22 males)
Friday, 5/1:	16 Curfew Arrests (11 males, 5 females) (3 juveniles)
Saturday, 5/2:	33 Curfew Arrests (26 males, 7 females)
Sunday, 5/3:	Curfew lifted
Total Arrests:	435 (includes 35 additional non curfew arrest)

**Law Enforcement Injuries:** 134 officers